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Procedures for first-time voters are simple

by Mike Engel

Though many high school seniors are eligible to vote, many do not know exactly what procedure to follow.

Every voter must meet four simple qualifications. He must be at least eighteen years of age and be a citizen of the United States. He must also have lived in Minnesota for twenty days and be registered to vote.

Everyone must register to vote. One may register by mail by completing a voter registration card and mailing it to his county's voter registration office prior

to election day. One may also register at the county auditor's office prior to election day or at the municipal clerk's office in most cities.

The voter may also register at the polling place on election day with any of the following identification: (1) a valid Minnesota driver's license with current address, (2) a Minnesota identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety with current address, (3) a registered voter from the precinct to confirm his residence, or (4) a student identification card.

Each voter must cast his ballot at the

polling place designated to serve the precinct where he lives. The municipal clerk or county auditor can tell him the location of his polling place.

A typical first-time voter may encounter these experiences on November 7. He goes to the polling place and registers, if he hasn't already done so, and receives a ballot. He is then directed to a voting booth so his preferences can be expressed in private. And that's all there is to voting.

If these simple guidelines are followed, it would be easy for every eligible voter to fulfill his civic duty by going to the polls on Tuesday, November 7.

Legislative candidates outline issues

by Dave Traurig

In Election '78 there is a very close race between a veterinarian and a lawyer to represent District 28B in the Minnesota State Legislature.

The incumbent is Democrat Farmer-Labor Party candidate Dr. Tony Eckstein, a practicing veterinarian. Dr. Eckstein has represented District 28B for the past eight years. Previously, he has served as mayor of New Ulm and President of the City Council. His reason for seeking reelection to the state legislature dates back to his days as Mayor. After becoming mayor, Eckstein felt "that New Ulm

needed some waking up." While mayor he helped bring in new business and has continued to help New Ulm grow as our representative in the state legislature. He wants to "continue to help New Ulm grow."

Eckstein's challenger is Independent Republican candidate Terry Dempsey, a lawyer and a partner in the Somsen-Dempsey-Shade Law Firm. Mr. Dempsey also served New Ulm as City Attorney. He labels himself as a "chronic complainer." Mr. Dempsey has always liked to work in political campaigns and feels we need a "hard spoken, up front guy," and he obviously feels he's that guy.

Both candidates have slightly different ideas about the major campaign issues, but somewhere in the discussion taxes always came up. It has been widely reported that Minnesota has the fourth highest taxes in the nation. Dr. Eckstein disagreed with part of this statement. While agreeing that some taxes are very high, he pointed out that some taxes, like the sales tax, are very low when compared to other states' taxes.

On the other side of the political fence, Mr. Dempsey agreed with the statement and gave several proposals for solving the high tax situation. First, the legislature should set the limit on spending before making out the tax budget. Second, Mr. Dempsey wants tax indexing, something most Republicans are suggesting around the state. For example, if a person received a pay raise, it would probably push him into a higher tax bracket. He therefore would be paying more taxes and, in reality, would not receive much of a raise in take-home pay. What a tax index would do is raise the tax bracket the same percentage as the cost of living, and thereby make it possible for a person to receive the full benefit of his raise.

Talking about cutting taxes brought up California's Proposition 13, a tax cut that was adopted in that state to cut property taxes. Mr. Dempsey referred to the Proposition as a "Meat ax approach to a very delicate surgical procedure." Both



Tony Eckstein, a practicing veterinarian, is the DFL incumbent seeking reelection.

candidates stated that it was impossible for Minnesota to follow California because of the way its tax laws are set up.

Schools often end up with a cut back in their state aid when taxes are reduced. For the 1978-79 school year the state will spend \$2.67 billion on education aids. This figure equals about half the tax dollars collected by the state.

Eckstein feels that the level of education in Minnesota is one of the best in the nation. He agrees that we should try to improve education but disagrees on how the state aid is distributed. "We need an income factor, as well as a land productivity factor, in the state school aid formula to help agricultural areas get their fair share of school aid funds."

See story on Beranek-Thompson city council race on page 3.



A lawyer and partner in a law firm, Terry Dempsey is the IR candidate for Tony Eckstein's seat in the state legislature.

editorial

Heros found nonexistent



by Kim Schmiesing

If a poll were taken today asking the question "Who is your hero?" I'd venture to say that most students would either laugh or answer that they don't have any. Sad or otherwise, it is true that most people today do not have heroes or any idea of what a hero is.

Why are there no heroes today? One reason may be that it's just not "cool." Or maybe there aren't any heroes, but that possibility seems hard to believe. Times

have changed, but is it possible that they have changed so much that the hero is nonexistent?

The word "hero" creates an image of one who is famous or powerful, but a hero could be anyone; your teacher, a neighbor, or a member of your family. A hero can be factual or fictitious, as long as he possesses a character worth emulating.

Many famous personalities are no longer thought of as heroes since their private lives often cannot hold up under close scrutiny. As a result, the anti-hero becomes popular.

It is unquestionable that all of us — adults and children — need heroes. We need more than standards set down by society to emulate; we need something real so that we can see the benefits, ideas, and direction that heroes can provide.

But the hero cannot be forced. He has to be sought; therefore, the ambitious and the optimistic are the ones who have the benefits of a hero and not those who are afraid to look.

Autumn Performance

Leaves dance quietly to the soft tune of the wind,
As the golden arms of the sun reach out
To the awakening world with a splash of colors.

In their costumes of scarlet, orange, and gold,
The leaves bow gracefully to each other.

Trees hum in time with the music,
While unseen birds sing along in harmony.

by Lynn Ludewig

Letter to the editor

To The Editor:

The NUHS sophomore class's homecoming float, "Drain Wells Dry," was built in our garage.

We were a bit reluctant to grant permission for this, and not merely because of the inconvenience it would entail. We had heard all the "horror stories" of what supposedly comes with a project such as this — kids trampling flowers and shrubs, walking off with tools or damaging them, and causing a variety of miscellaneous accidental or on-purpose damage, not to mention the beer-and-pot spectre.

Well, it didn't work out that way. There was a little inconvenience, certainly. But nobody trampled any flowers or shrubs.

No tools disappeared or were damaged. There wasn't a variety of miscellaneous damage, none accidental and non on purpose. As far as our noses could tell, the beer-and-pot spectre didn't materialize.

Instead, the kids had fun. Sure, there were more "advisors" and "supervisors" and "gofer-offers" than hard workers, but they got the job done. And they cleaned up afterwards.

It's someone else's turn to give up their garage next year, and we hope they'll be less reluctant to do it because they'll remember how these sophomores performed this year.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Matz



DECA conference offers chance to participate

by Sue Hosto
Publicity Committee

November 3, 4, and 5 will be the scene of the DECA Central Region Leadership Conference in Dearborn, Michigan. John Sevick, Patty Fischer, and Sue Hosto along with Mrs. Pat McDonald will be attending this conference. The participants will find many educational and entertaining activities planned for the three days.

Numerous workshops are scheduled for the participants in officer training, leadership development, parliamentary procedures, and the DECA merit awards program. These workshops are held so that DECA members may obtain new ideas to use in their local DECA chapters.

While staying in Michigan the conference participants will tour two places of

interest. The first is Greenfield Village. Here the DECA members will be taken through some genuine Americana to a simpler old world time. They will then be able to watch skilled artisans perform crafts characteristic of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. From here the DECA members will be taken to the 14 acre Henry Ford Museum.

They will then be able to view exhibits and collections which reflect America's major developments in agriculture, steam power, communications, lighting, and transportation. The conference participants will also have a chance to show their dancing abilities during some scheduled disco dances.

Yes, "DECA Is A Galaxy Of Opportunities," and this leadership conference is another activity which gives members a chance to participate.

Weekend possibilities suggested



by Vianne Friesen

Hey, kids! What a terrific time for an MEA weekend! Thursday and Friday were two of the best days weather-wise all month. They were perfect days to be outside. Fall is a time of the year when many things need to be done. Mowing the lawn for the last time, raking the leaves, washing and waxing the car, cleaning the garage, washing windows, cleaning the closets and airing out clothes are just some of the many activities people associate with fall.

Another idea for a fall weekend, although not very popular, is catching up on homework that should have been done during the week. Think how easy it would be to keep up with your work if you already

had half of it done. There is no better way to bring up your grades, especially now at the end of the quarter.

For many kids MEA was an extra two days of sheer bliss. Sleeping late and being extremely lazy were not only desired but possible. No pressure from the hectic schedule of school and various activities was present. The weather cooperated and was warmer than usual, so students had time for playing tennis, biking, jogging, catching up on sleep, or just doing nothing!

If you went outside at all during MEA weekend, you couldn't help noticing all the beautiful colors. This year the leaves have very unique shades of color with bright golds, oranges, and maroons. By the "Y" at the junction of highways 14 and 15 the hillside is a burst of gorgeous fall colors. Fall is the best time to go for a drive and enjoy the scenery.

I suggest you get out and enjoy Minnesota in one of its best apparels — before it turns into a white winter wonderland.

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Candidates' positions clarified for voters

by George Hudak

The fourth ward council seat election has been getting a great deal of publicity in New Ulm. The two candidates are Ben Thompson and Dan Beranek. Some of the



Danny's Bar owner Dan Beranek wants a mass transit system for New Ulm only if it pays for itself. (Photo courtesy of THE JOURNAL.)

issues and the candidates' positions on those questions are described in the following report.

Both Thompson and Beranek feel that the city of New Ulm should be run like a big business. Both men have business backgrounds; Thompson is a plant manager at 3M and Beranek owns a bar (Danny's).

The growth of New Ulm is very important to both of these candidates. Beranek would like to see a slow orderly growth for New Ulm. He does not want to see the city grow too large too quickly. He feels that the recreation center and the proposed motel would be very good economically for New Ulm.

Thompson would like to see New Ulm prepare a long range plan for future development. He feels this plan should include rejuvenating the city's airport and preparing for possible land and water shortages that would hinder future growth.

Thompson is also concerned about the city's employees. He would like the city to keep its employees responsible for their goals. He would like to see the city administrators assist in maintaining proper attitudes among the employees.

Both of the candidates support the building of a recreation center. As far as recreation sites for senior citizens, Beranek feels a room in the center or in a present facility in New Ulm should be used. Thompson feels senior citizens should have a new and separate facility because the recreational activities for senior citizens and teenagers differ too much.

The proposed Glockenspiel is another issue with which both candidates are concerned. Beranek says the glockenspiel and the site chosen for it are all right if the costs are not excessive. Thompson would like to see the glockenspiel built but would like to see a different site chosen.



Ben Thompson, a plant manager at 3M, is concerned about the image of the city's employees. (Photo courtesy of THE JOURNAL.)

Another issue brought up in this race is a mass transit system for New Ulm. Thompson feels that a mass transit system is a very high priority. Beranek wants the system only if it can pay for itself.

These opinions are some of the issues the people who live in the fourth ward of the city may use to determine their vote in next Tuesday's election.

the guidepost

by Mr. Jim Zetah, Counselor

WANTED: New Ulm High School students to form the NUHS Tutor Club. Ms. Mary Swenson and I would like to coordinate a group of students (tutors or helpers) who have some time, interest, caring, and dedication to be of service to others. We are looking for student volunteers to help other students who may be experiencing learning problems in various areas. It may be to assist someone to better understand math concepts, to proof read an essay, to help clarify certain lecture material, or to help in test

preparation. We know there are students with special needs in a particular subject area, and if given an opportunity for one-to-one tutoring, they could successfully pass the required material.

The schedule of meeting times between the student helper and helpee would need to be worked out. It could occur for perhaps twenty minutes before school several mornings a week or during study hall or study times if such periods would match.

If you have the interest to become a tutor, please sign up in the Guidance Office. We will answer any questions you might have about the program.

WANTED: Students interested in the PEER Contact Program.

It's time to announce our interest in initiating the PEER Contact Program again this year. Ms. Swenson and I wish to form several groups and begin about the middle of November. Dates and times will

depend on the schedules of students signing up.

We know many students seek their peer group (fellow students) to talk over problems, help with decision-making, explore alternatives, and share thoughts, ideas or plans. We feel it is only fitting that we might be able to help students become better in what they do.

PEER is being developed for the following reasons:

- a) to help students learn more about themselves
- b) to help students establish better peer relationships
- c) to learn more effective communicating skills
- d) to become a better listener and helper
- e) to learn to respect ourselves and others around us
- f) to learn to take responsibility for our own actions

The PEER Program consists of a series of about 10 two hour meetings. We prefer each group to be about 10 students. The group sessions could be held after school or evening.

An information meeting will be announced soon and sign up sheet will be available in the Guidance Office. If you have questions, please see Ms. Swenson or me or talk to students who participated last year.

I recognize that in peer relationships (relationships between students of all types) there will be some personalities that will not mesh; however, if we realize that and not go out of one's way to force a confrontation, those same personalities can go about their own way.

Students, respect one another — respect another's right to be different. Resolve your differences in more civil ways. Join us in the PEER program.

people

New Ulm's St. Nick enthusiastic about city

by Mike Ostrom

Santa Claus is alive and well and living with the Mrs. at 500 South Jefferson.

Although Mr. Harold Bierbaum bears a striking resemblance to old St. Nick, he has given the children of New Ulm a greater gift than Santa could ever give — a chance for a good education in a progressive town.

Mr. Bierbaum, concerned about the welfare of the community and especially the welfare of people, has involved himself in as many civic activities that his time and energies will permit. He served on the School Board from 1943 to 1970 and witnessed many changes, most of which he was directly involved. He is also involved with the Downtown Planning Commission and the Brown County Historical Society. Whenever the Mayor receives German visitors and a first-rate tour guide is needed, Harold Bierbaum is there before you can say "landjager."

Bierbaum became involved with the school system in 1940 when he took a custodial job at the high school. "I really enjoyed the kids and tried to maintain a good rapport with them. It was probably the most pleasurable experience of my life, but at that time there just wasn't enough money in it so I got a job at New Ulm Manufacturing in about 1942."

While working in the plant, he missed his school involvement, so to remedy this situation he ran for and was elected to a school board seat in 1943. From these 27 years of service, Mr. Bierbaum recalls many experiences and has formed many educational philosophies. "I remember when the school district was starting out, all of the board members strove towards a progressive school. We offered the then-novel courses of Police and Nurses training, but it seems that many of the students were only interested in getting out of school as quickly as possible and getting into farming or some other job. "I think a public junior college or some other type of post-high school facility is needed, but I don't think the community's enthusiasm for that goal will ever be enough to make that goal a reality."

Mr. Bierbaum also has some opinions on the modern high school curriculum. "A far-reaching curriculum can be intriguing but I fear that the vast majority of the students will take only the bare minimum which is not enough." These opinions are noteworthy because they come from a man who is the recipient of the very prestigious Outstanding Layman for Education Award.

Although Mr. Bierbaum still maintains an interest in school affairs, today most of his time is involved in civic activities. His most recent project was being a tour guide for the German TV film crew that recently visited New Ulm. "Most of the Europeans have no concept of small town midwestern life. They think America is the bustling cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. The German journalists were so enchanted with our city that they spent most of their film on the beauty of it and very little on interviews with citizens concerning their roots."

Using his interests in flowers and parks, Mr. Bierbaum is very much involved in beautifying the city. His house is surrounded by multitudes of beautiful blossoms. "I try to put as much beauty in the world as I possibly can. I'd especially like to renovate the parks making them as beautiful as possible. I feel that not only would it enhance the community, but it would also deter the many artistic vandals."

Mr. Bierbaum has some definite goals which he is trying hard to fulfill. "I would like to see the young people of today gain a better understanding of their government — how it works and what it takes to make it change. Also to gain an understanding of their community and how they can contribute to its betterment."

Many New Ulmites feel that this jolly good fellow is best described as "Mister, I love New Ulm and let's make it even better." Although this label is applicable because of his school and civic-mindedness, another alias is possible. For, as I left Mr. Bierbaum's cozy "work shop", I thought I heard a voice whispering, "On Dancer on Donner, on Comet." Could I have met St. Nick? Na-a-ah, this reporter has merely been working too hard.



Tom Thompson, this month's BMOC, doesn't consider himself an outgoing person despite his many activities and interests.

BMOC excels in many interests

by Wayne Roddy

"What they (NUHS faculty) teach isn't all that different, but I think that the kids, faculty, and administration are a lot more open and friendly." That is how Tom Thompson, this month's Big Man On Campus, reacted to the question: "If you could give NUHS a big thank you, what would it be for."

Tom Thompson has many interests but also has the rare ability to excel in these interests. He is a NUHS senior, a participant in choir, band, Swing Band, Payne Street Singers, and drama. He is also the Drama Club President.

Tom also works for his father as a photographer and landscapist. "I enjoy working with my Dad. We're very good friends," said Tom.

An interest in education also keeps Tom occupied. He feels that New Ulm High

School is a very good school. He feels there is a "very good balance between discipline and freedom. There isn't too much of one or the other."

Music and drama are Tom's two main interests, although in his spare time he reads, writes, studies, hikes, and canoes.

Tom developed his many interests from his family background and his own desires. "Our family is a singing group. As a family we have sung as long as I remember. I grew up with it."

"I'm basically not an outgoing person, but drama gives me a chance to go out and release that emotion; it's just plain fun," said Tom. "I'm really kind of a ham."

Following graduation from NUHS, Tom plans to attend Mankato State University. His present plans are indefinite, but he'll decide "between art, drama, or literature."



Harold Bierbaum has been personally involved in directing New Ulm's public school system for many years in addition to being very active in other community affairs.

FHA changes preserve original goal

by Lisa Isenberg

The Future Homemakers of America have experienced some changes throughout the years, but its goals have always remained the same: to help people and have fun at the same time.

Presently the local FHA chapter has about 40 members. Kay Lambrecht is the President, Marjean Gleisner the Vice President, Joan LeGare the Secretary, Mary Manderfeld the Treasurer, Pam Hoffmann the Historian, Brenda Bianchi and Maria Dummer are the Sentinels, and Ms. Anita Heldberg is the club's advisor. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month, alternating between mornings and evenings. Special meetings are also called when necessary.

FHA is a service oriented club for both boys and girls. Among the activities that its members participate in are having a Halloween party for small children, making Christmas decorations for the elderly, sponsoring a Christmas party at the Day Activity Center, and hosting Taco Suppers. In addition to these events, FHA is almost always involved in some kind of fund raising drive. The money that they raise will be donated to Muscular

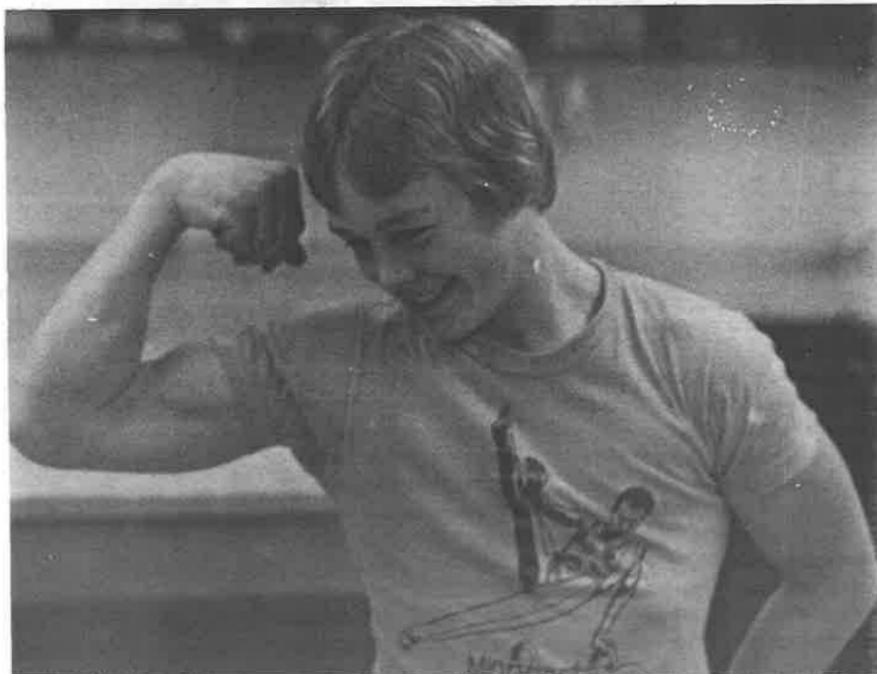
Dystrophy or Camp Courage or to help sponsor an FHA cabin.

Later this year the FHA will be represented at a District Convention in the home school of the district president. In April they will go to the state meeting at Minneapolis. There delegates will be chosen to go to the National Convention.

Just how has FHA changed since it came into existence ten years ago? According to Ms. Heldberg, one answer can be found by comparing the size of the club to its previous membership totals. When FHA was a new organization; it was at least twice the size that it is today. The huge cut in membership is mainly attributable to the rise of girls' athletics. With only a limited amount of time to spend in extracurricular activities, many girls had to choose between joining clubs or participating in athletics.

Despite this decrease in size, FHA is still a viable activity because it has only members who truly want to belong to the organization.

Those who belong to FHA feel that it is a very worthwhile club. FHA fulfills the many needs of today's students by helping them socialize while belonging to an active club.



The first ever FHA Sweetie, Scott Fruhwirth demonstrates one of his many features which may have been responsible for his selection.

"Sweetie" selection provides equal opportunity

by Kris Knutson

It can never be said that New Ulm High School is not an equal opportunity giver. The Future Homemakers of America have initiated a new wrinkle in the ERA movement by having an FHA Sweetie.

The girls got the idea from Winthrop High School and decided to give it a whirl. The senior girls got together and picked five senior boys to vie for the title of FHA Sweetie. The only stipulations were that the boys had to be a senior, live on a farm, and be an active member in the Future Farmers of America. The five boys chosen were Rich Hoffman, Lon Ahlness, Scott Fruhwirth, Randy Paulson, and Brad Portner. Each of them had to prepare a

short introductory speech to be read in front of the FHA girls. Using this speech as a basis for the selection; the girls chose a boy whom they thought fitting for the title.

The first New Ulm High Sweetie is Scott Fruhwirth. He spent some of his summer working at Madsen's, but he quit when school started because of a demanding schedule. He keeps quite busy being active in two sports, wrestling and gymnastics. In his free time Scott likes to hunt, fish, and waterski. He is also very active in FFA and enjoys it very much. On his dad's farm the Fruhwirths raise swine and beef cows. As of now Scott doesn't plan to farm after school. He plans to continue his education by attending a college or a vocational school.

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EDUCATION CAN TURN THINGS AROUND

Band's easy image contrary to its demands



Entertaining fans at football games is only one of the many ways band members are kept busy in this extra curricular activity.

by Cindy Sperling

Contrary to popular belief, band is not an easy, do-nothing class. As all band members know, band requires quite a bit of time and effort in and out of class.

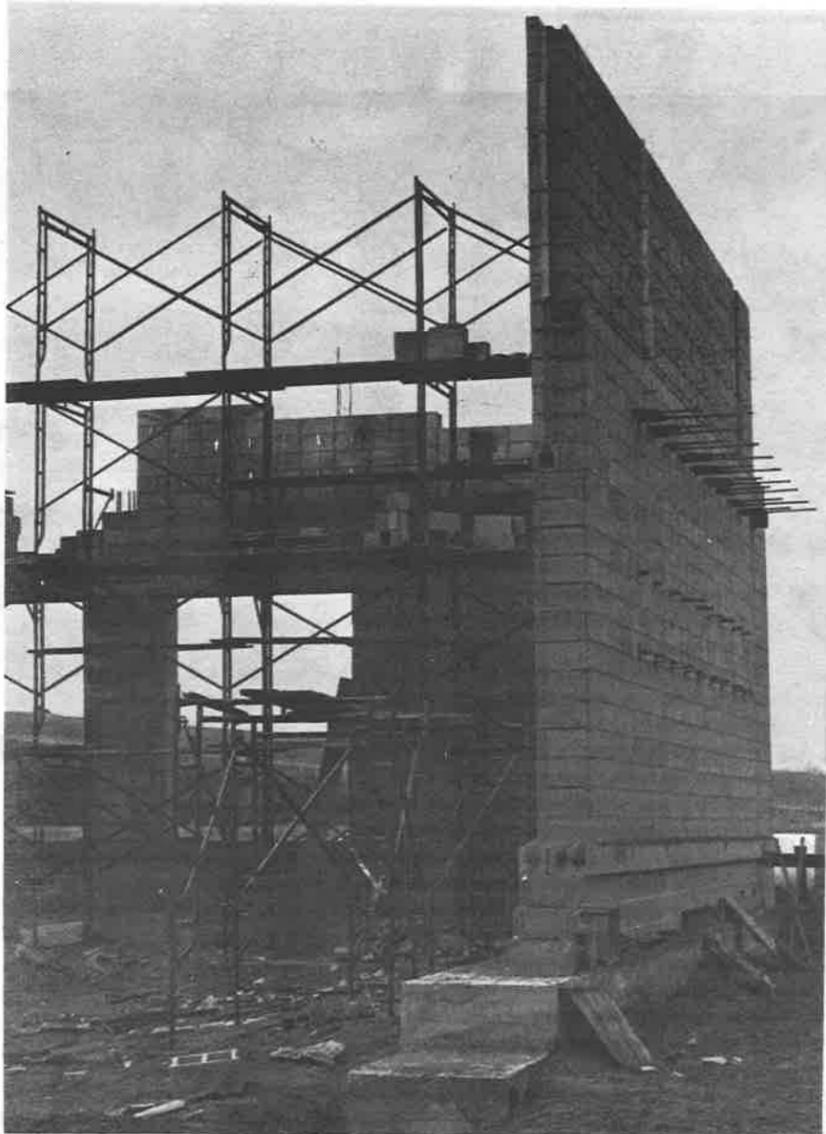
For example, last summer the band traveled to Winnipeg, Canada. To prepare for this trip practices were held at least once a week, for two or more hours. Most of the time was spent on preparing music and practicing marching. While in Winnipeg the band marched in two parades; one over three miles long, the other almost two miles. They also performed in concert competition. The band brought home a third place trophy as a result of their marching performance in the main parade. There was some free time, however, available to attend museums, zoos, and a variety of other places.

During the fall the band works hard to prepare for the football season. Mornings can find them marching in the parking lot

working on the half-time routine for Friday's game. They perform at each home football game. The figures that they make on the field are the result of the lively imagination of the director, Mr. Curt Iverson. Each game features performances by the pompon girls, the flag girls, or the baton twirlers. This year's homecoming performance combined all three of these groups and dedicated a tuba solo to the homecoming queen.

The band meets once a day during the school year and once a week during the summer. During rehearsal the band prepares music for their various performances. They play at football games, hockey games, basketball games, and wrestling and gymnastics meets. The band also presents three concerts during the year and marches in many parades during the summer.

All in all, band is an involved, year round subject which demands full involvement of its members.



Despite a serious shortage of cement, work on the city's new indoor pool has been continuing without prolonged interruptions.

Dream comes true

by Mary Manderfeld

After many years a dream is finally becoming reality although it may be slightly delayed. The construction of the indoor swimming pool has been slowed due to the cement shortage, but this new asset to the community is progressing very nicely.

The first question asked when one mentions the construction of the indoor swimming pool is when will it be completed? Ms. Chris Hendrycks, of the New Ulm City Manager's office, answered that question. The September 1, 1979, completion date set by the contractors is still the expected date of completion. The contractors, the James Leck Company from Minneapolis, submitted this date with their bid on the project to the New Ulm City Council last June.

At the present time it is not sure if the completion date will be changed because of the nationwide cement shortage. Ms. Hendrycks stated that "they (the contractors) are behind schedule now but it's too soon to predict if it will open behind schedule." The contractors had hoped to finish the construction of the outer shell of the pool building before the snow falls so they could do inside work during the winter. If they don't receive enough cement this fall, they may not be able to meet their construction schedule. "But they may be able to catch up during the winter or spring," Hendrycks added.

The pool is being built so it can be a versatile facility. The dimensions are

designed to be used for competitive meets. The distances will be marked in both the English system (yards) and the Metric system (meters).

The shape of the pool is called "Z-shaped," but it is not really a "Z". It's more like two offsetting rectangles. Diving will be at one end of one rectangle, a shallow wading pool is located at one end of the other rectangle. Competitive swimming will be held where the two rectangles are connected.

The total cost of the community pool project comes to about \$1,500,000. Included in the indoor swimming pool budget is a whirlpool and a small sundeck. The sundeck area outside the pool is for those who want to sun during the summer months.

"The indoor pool will do a tremendous amount of good to our community," according to Mayor Carl Wyczawski. The pool will be beneficial because it will teach children how to swim. The school will be able to use it for physical education classes, and it will be "a recreational outlet for people from 4 to 94 years old," according to Wyczawski.

The pool has been designed so it can be utilized by all the New Ulm schools. If and how District 88 will be using the pool "has not been decided yet at this time" says Superintendent of Schools, T.R. Olson.

So by the end of next year the pool should be completed, and New Ulm should have its dream which many New Ulmites feel has been long overdue.

DECA is a galaxy of opportunities

by Sue Hosto
DECA Publicity Committee

"DECA: A GALAXY OF OPPORTUNITIES" is the theme for the 1978-79 DECA school year. We feel that this idea is appropriate since many opportunities are offered to us DECA members. As an example, the St. Paul Radisson Inn was the gathering place for 433 DECA members from all over Minnesota on October 13th and 14th for the Fall Leadership Rally. This rally was conducted by the State Action Team (our name for state officers) to provide training and leadership development for the local DECA chapter officers and members.

In addition to providing officer training conferences, DECA provides opportunities for its members to meet many new and different people. On the local level, DECA members are given the opportunity to meet many business people through involvement in civic projects and community affairs. Many of our DECA members have been offered jobs because of the exposure they have received in the business community. Through district activities, DECA members meet other Distribute Education students in our own area. State and national activities are other means by which we meet so many new and interesting people.

Experienced and knowledgeable people in sales and marketing are often featured as guest speakers at our DECA meetings. These meetings provide DECA members with an opportunity to learn about some of

the latest trends in sales and marketing and also to learn what job opportunities exist in these fields. Many times these speakers give helpful hints on how to improve existing job skills and how to learn new ones.

DECA provides an excellent opportunity for personal growth and development. Each member of our DECA chapter contributes in his own special way. Members learn how to handle responsibility; how to plan, organize and carry out various activities; how to represent DECA and our school at various social functions; and how to work with and appreciate each other.

Through DECA competitive events our members have an opportunity to earn personal recognition for the skills and talents they have acquired throughout the year. Events are held on the district, state and national levels where DECA members compete with other high school juniors and seniors. We will be having more information on competitive events in a later issue.

Opportunities for travel are never ending for DECA members. For example, some of the travel highlights for DECA members this year include the Central Region Conference held in Dearborn, Michigan, in November; the State Career Development Conference in Minneapolis during March; and the National Career Development Conference to be held in Houston, Texas, in May, 1979.

As you can see, DECA IS ON THE MOVE WITH A "GALAXY OF OPPORTUNITIES."

Fall play depicts life's comedies

by Colleen Berg

The fall play is a traditional comedy called "Life With Father." The story emphasizes family life. Father Day, played by Tom Thompson, distrusts the government. He is trying to revolt against taxes very much like today's tax revolt. Mother Day or Vinnie is played by Missy Benson. Mother controls the budget but does it so slyly that Father does not realize it. The rest of the Day family consists of Clarence Day played by Eddie Sagmoen; Dan Skillings is John Day; Skip Radke is Whitney Day; and Jason Benson is Harlan Day.

The Days get a visit from Cousin Cora who is played by Bobbi McCrea and Mary Skinner, played by Shelly Matz. Mary and Clarence fall in love during her visit.

Throughout the development of the play Vinnie and her sons try to influence Father to become baptized. Father does not

believe in church membership so their effort becomes a very difficult task. Finally the family succeeds.

During the course of the play, Father is dissatisfied with each of the maids, so there are three different maids employed for a short period of time.

The servants are played by Cathy Hartten is Margaret, The Cook; Pegeen Ranniger is Annie; and Debbie Rathmann portrays Maggie.

Other Cast members include Chet Haatvedt as Rev. Dr. Lloyd, Cindy Hogen as Dr. Humphreys, and Kari Julien as Dr. Somers.

The comedy takes place in the year 1880, and costumes for the play are from the Victorian Age complete with bustles.

The performance will be held at the Junior High Auditorium on November 10 and 11 at 8:00 p.m. The admission to the play will be \$1.50 for adults and students.

Mrs. Carol Ackerson Directs the play and her assistant director is Julie Ubl.



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Gymnasts optimistic about post-season possibilities

by Jeff Albrecht

Seniors Pat Wesselman and Mark Roeder, co-captains of this year's gymnastics squad, are trying hard to bring the Eagle squad back into state competition this year. Although the team has not done as well as expected, both Pat and Mark are optimistic about possible post-season competition.

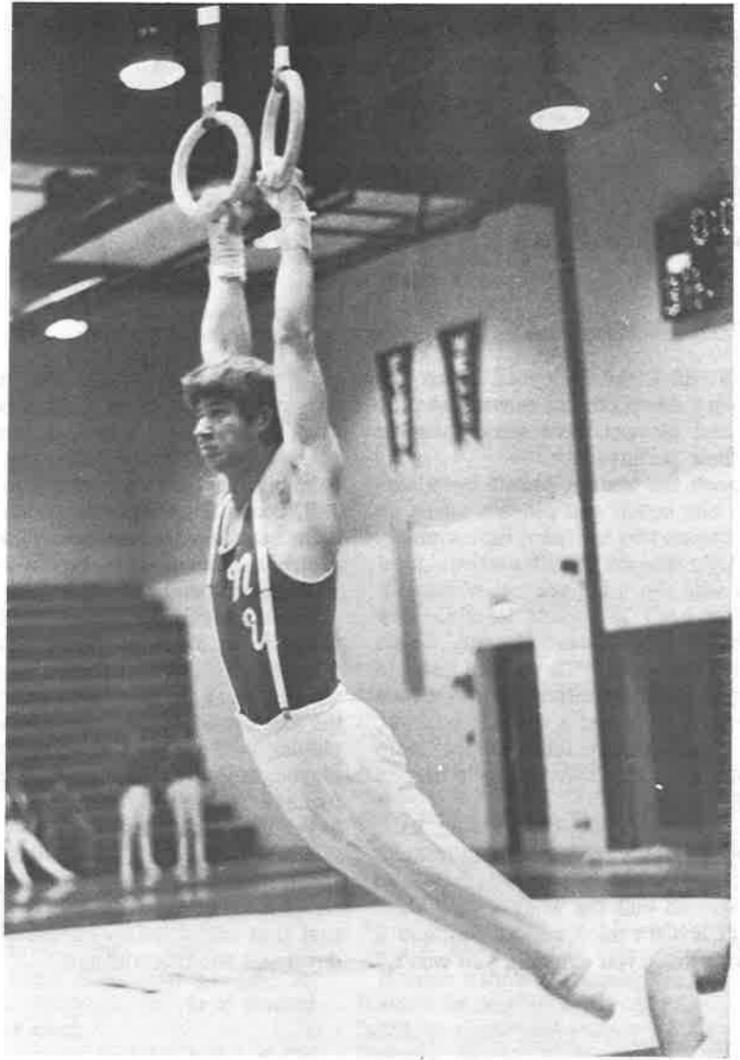
Pat, a strong competitor in the all around competition, has competed on the varsity level since his freshman year and has lettered since his sophomore year. Pat was also a captain his sophomore year. Pat's favorite event in gymnastics is the high bar. However, he has turned in some of his best performances on the horse and feels this event is his best. Pat has been doing extremely well in the all around competition and has been turning in some very respectable scores, but he says that he has not been in a meet yet in which he has performed his best in all five events.

Mark, also a strong competitor in the all

around competition, has lettered since his junior year. Like Pat, Mark's favorite event in gymnastics is the high bar, but he feels his best event is probably the floor exercise.

Both Pat and Mark feel that the reason the team has not been doing as well as expected in past meets is because they, along with the rest of the team, have been working on difficult routines. The tricks they have been performing have high degrees of difficulty so some mistakes during the routines are expected. However, coach Ted Marti has been working with the gymnasts on their routines with hopes that the routines will be perfected in time for post-season tournaments.

The team has been working long and hard, often three and a half hours every practice. Pat and Mark agree that the team's effort will be rewarded when their harder routines earn higher scores at the end of the year.



Approaching the conclusion of his routine on the rings, Senior Steve Byer has made important contributions toward achieving New Ulm's post-season tournament ambitions.

Offensive linemen seldom noticed

by Mark Hulsey

In order for the offense of a football team to be productive, the offensive line must be consistent and aggressive in their blocking duties. According to offensive line coach Leo Traurig, New Ulm's line has fulfilled their blocking responsibilities. The starting line for New Ulm is the center, Steve Anderson; the guards, Dave Hansen and Steve Schapekahn; the tackles, Steve Hage and Brad Portner; the end Mike Ostrom and the split end Tom Steinbach. The reserve linemen are Paul Macho and Mike Prah. Laine Sletta is also in the lineup but has been recovering from a shoulder injury.

Aside from an occasional lack of concentration in pass blocking, the offensive line has provided the blocking needed for the ball carriers to put points on the scoreboard. Although New Ulm's line is smaller in size than the usual conference team, the players attempt to make up for their deficient size with quickness. Coach Traurig feels quickness in the offensive line is as important as size.

Senior Steve Schapekahn leads the line in quickness along with classmate Brad Portner. Portner's good size and strength makes him the leader of the offensive line. His outstanding abilities are recognized by several coaches who feel Portner has potential for collegiate competition. Traurig stated that the abilities of the players are what makes New Ulm's offensive line consistent in their fine performances each week.

Being an offensive lineman is not as easy as it may appear. The linemen are always involved in hard bodily contact in each offensive play. They are either getting clobbered by charging defensive players or they are responsible for knocking the opposing players out of the path of the ball carriers. These duties are of course very difficult, but the players also must be constantly aware of the many rules to



Running through warmup drills prior to game time, the offensive line is a major but often unnoticed part of a football team's success.

follow in blocking fairly. If these rules are violated, the offensive team is penalized by being moved further away from scoring position. These rules occasionally interfere with the players' blocking techniques which result in an unproductive offense.

The linemen also have another problem to contend with, the lack of recognition or credit from the fans. An average spectator watches the ball handlers rather than the blocking abilities of the offensive line.

Nobody sees the name of a lineman in the headlines on the sport's page in the newspaper. The reporters and fans notice the players who score the points instead of the blockers who made scoring the points possible.

One reason for the small amount of recognition for linemen is that they are not the players who carry the ball across the goal line for the touchdowns. Another explanation is that it is too hard to select just one outstanding blocker in a game.

Although one lineman may play an excellent game, every player must do his part to make the play go. This dependence on every player makes it difficult for linemen to be awarded fairly.

An offensive lineman must be a very dedicated football player. The physical punishment and mental anguish they endure makes their play very demanding. The linemen's significance in a ballgame is well expressed by Coach Traurig, "Most games are won on the line!"

Coach assesses volleyball "bumps"

by Randall Stuckey

The NUHS Girls' Volleyball Team has had a very disappointing season, and the coach and players have some thoughts about their performance.

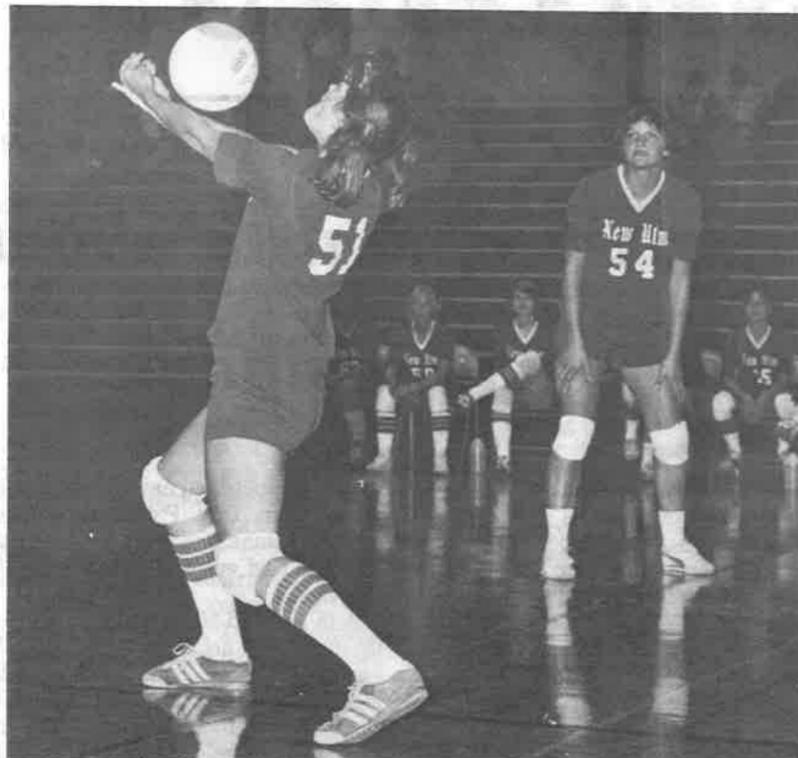
Although the season hasn't been successful, the coach and players agree on some reasons why the team isn't winning. Coach Lyle Sparrowgrove feels the biggest reason why the girls are not winning is that they don't know how to win. They don't have the confidence to win. Coach Sparrowgrove said, "To win we have to develop a winning attitude with everyone on the team." To get a winning attitude, Coach Sparrowgrove felt that the team must maintain a positive attitude despite their losing record.

One member of the team said, "Everyone should have a good attitude to win. There are some people who have bad attitudes and pull the whole team down. Some girls don't think we can win, and if you don't think you can win, you won't."

To win a team must also have the physical talent, and the coach and players think they have the talent, but they can't put it together in one game. To score a point in volleyball, a team must control the ball. Coach Sparrowgrove stated that his team's serving has been poor so they don't control the ball, and as a result, they don't score many points.

The team feels their talent is as good as what's in the area and the conference, but they have to combine their skills with a winning attitude. One senior girl said, "In the beginning of the season, we were playing as good as the other teams we played, but we are still making the same mistakes over and over again and we haven't corrected them yet."

The girls hope to put everything together when they open Sub-Regional play on November 4 in Worthington. They also feel that that would be an excellent time to develop a winning attitude.



Setting the ball up for a "spike" is Jenny Coyle while Lauri Alwin and the Eagle bench watch.

Scrubs are important too

Senske's Sports Sense

by Eric Senske

Every athlete's goal is to be a first-stringer. It is a team's starters and superstars who get the ink. Sure, every once in a while you run across a "Bench-warmer Bob," but nobody really enjoys sitting on the bench.

So let's face the facts. Not everyone can start. On most athletic teams there are as many subs as starters, and while starters get the publicity, the "scrubs" — a more common name for substitutes — get ridiculed and mocked.

Sitting on the bench — or "riding the pine," whichever you prefer — is not easy. A sub goes through the same practices as the starters and works just as hard, if not harder. When it comes to game time, however, he returns to his reserved seat and watches the action. He never knows when — or if — the coach will call upon him. If he does get in, he will have to enter the game cold, and it may be a few minutes before he is totally warmed up. This lack of readiness, of course, does not help his already shaky status. During the time it takes to warm up, he can make some costly mistakes so it may be a cold day in you-know-where before the coach elects to use him again.

I talked to three coaches to find out their views and expectations of substitutes. The coaches — Mr. Stan Zweifel, the varsity football coach; Mr. Lyle Sparrowgrove, the girls' volleyball and basketball coach; and Mr. Jim Senske, the varsity baseball coach (yes — he's my dad, too) — all stressed the point that subs are a very important part of every team. They must be able to handle a non-starting role and ably fill in if a starter is hurt.

It takes discipline to sit on the bench. Coach Zweifel stated, "A substitute must keep himself ready at all times — more than just physically, but also mentally. He should always keep up his enthusiasm. If he does, it is 100 percent better for the

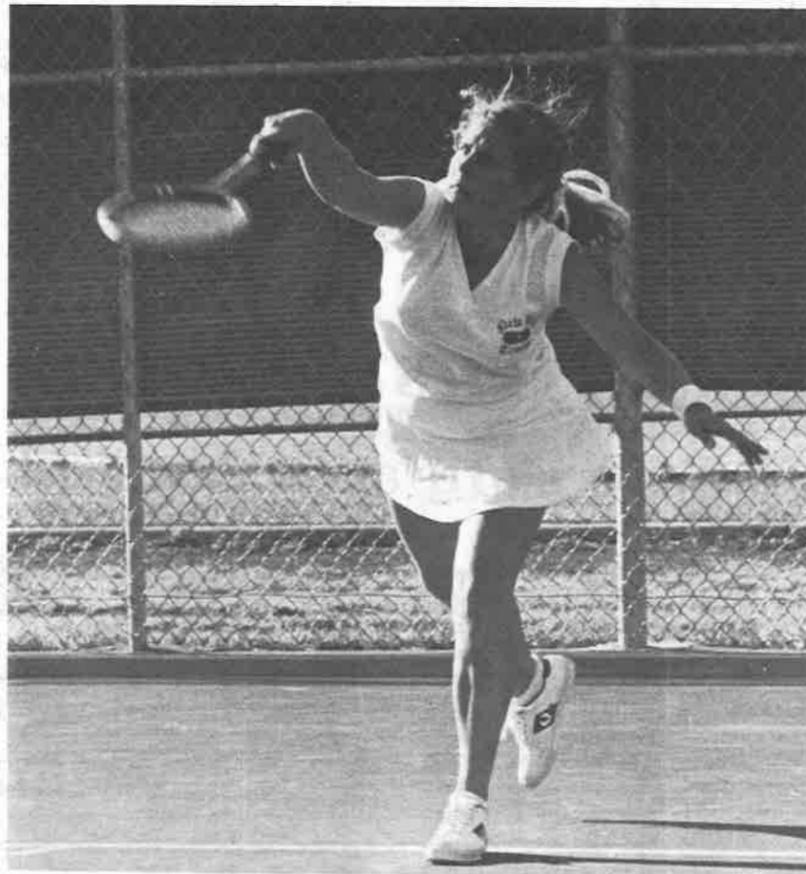


whole team." The coach also remarked that a sub can contribute as much as a starter and concluded by saying, "They (subs) are very, very important. It is impossible to play a football game with just eleven men."

Mr. Sparrowgrove agreed with Coach Zweifel's views. He said subs "should always be ready to go in and do the job to the best of their ability. They have to be mentally ready all the time." He felt that reserves should have positive attitudes. "They should support the people who are playing. You're not going to win without a team effort."

Coach Senske likewise expects certain things from a substitute. "He should be good enough to play if a starter gets hurt." On the aspect of a reserve's attitude, he comments, "His attitude should be a positive one. He shouldn't backbite the one playing ahead of him. And he shouldn't gripe, complain, or undermine the team."

All these coaches had the opinion that the second stringer is just as important as the starter. They indicated that it takes special qualities to be a substitute and to accept the non-starting role. Maybe it's time for the critics and comics to show some respect for the "bench warmers."



Junior Cathy Hartten executes an overhand return during a meet at the NUHS courts.

Tennis season ends with future promise

by Dana Heymann

As the trees shed their fall coats and a crisp chill is felt in the air, the women's tennis season comes to an end.

The netters put forth both individual and team effort to finish the 1978 season with a 3-7 record. Despite the disappointing record, the girls provided tough competition for their opponents, losing some very close matches. The team was eliminated from tournament competition on October 11 in sub-region play at Fairmont, and on October 14 any hope for individual success faded when once again the girls faced defeat.

entirely hopeless. Individually the girls hit and scored well, but on an inconsistent basis. Coach Bob Pederson commented that if the entire team had played well on a regular basis, the record would have been considerably better. But despite the lack of consistency, the girls continued to play hard and showed improvement throughout the season.

As for the future, the 1979 season looks to be one with a bright promise. Since the Eagles graduate only two seniors, the returning team will be comprised of young and experienced athletes.

With continued hard work and enthusiasm, perhaps the team will approach championship qualities.

Although the statistics do not indicate outstanding results, the outcome is not